

SHELLEY      URBAN      DISTRICT      COUNCIL.

A N N U A L      R E P O R T

of the

Medical Office of Health

for the

Year ending DECEMBER 31st 1937

To the Shelley Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

1. I have the honour to submit to you the Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1937.
2. Vital and other statistics will be found in the appended tables.
3. It is desirable that the abolition of the old system of privies should be hastened; facilities for this (sewers, sewerage disposal works and water supply) are in existence.
4. The general health of the district has been good, and cases of notifiable infectious diseases have been few.
5. Copies of this Report have been sent to the Minister of Health and the West Riding County Council.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

H. C. Pickering.

Shelley, Nr. Huddersfield  
27th September 1938.



1. General Statistics

Area - 1,568 acres Population - 1,457  
 No. of Inhabited Houses - 467  
 Rateable Value - £ 4,587.  
 Sum represented by a pony rate - £ 19. 9. 8.

The chief occupation of the inhabitants is found in Woollen Mills: there are some minors and agricultural workers. There is no marked unemployment.

2. Vital Statistics

	M	F	Total	
Births - Legitimate	11	10	21	Birth Rate: 11.4 per 1,000
Illegitimate	0	0	0	Rate per 1,000 live and still-births 55.5
Still-births - Legitimate	0	0	0	
Deaths -	5	14	19	Death Rate: 17.5 per 1,000

Deaths from puerperal causes - None

Deaths of Infants under 1 year - 1

All infants per 1,000 live births - 117.6  
 Illegitimate Do. Do. - 0

Deaths from Cancer, all ages - 2  
 Do. Measles Do. - 0  
 Do. Whooping Cough, all ages - 0  
 Do. Diarrhoea, under 2 years - 0

There has been no cause of sickness worthy of special comment.

SECTION B.

General provision of health services for this area

1. Public Health officers of the authority: Part time M.O.H., H.C. Pickering: Sanitary Inspector and Inspector of meat and other foods, F. Greenwood, C.R.S.I. Our midwife is in private practice in the area.
2. No changes in the services provided in this area.  
 There are no arrangements for nursing in the home.  
 There are no local arrangements for laboratory examination of water, milk and food-stuffs.

SECTION C.

1. a) Water, see table C  
 b) Drainage, Sewage, see table C.
2. Rivers and Streams - No action required.
3. a) Closet Accommodation - See table C.  
 b) Public Cleansing - No alteration.  
 c) Sanitary Inspection - See Inspector's report.  
 d) Shops - No action required under Shops Act 1934.  
 e) Eradication of bed bugs - No action required.
4. Schools - Sanitary conditions satisfactory.



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SECTION D.

Housing - See table D.

SECTION E.

Milk Supply - The Assistant Veterinary Officer reports several cases of milk production under unhygienic conditions.

Meat and Other Foods - See table C.

SECTION F.

No undue prevalence of infectious diseases

	<u>Total Cases</u> <u>Notified.</u>	<u>Admitted to</u> <u>Hospital.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>
Small Pox	0	0	
Scarlet Fever	1	1	
Diphtheria	1	1	
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	0	0	
Puerperal Fever	0	0	
Do. Pyrexia	0	0	
Other Notifiable diseases (Pneumonia)	3	0	1
Erysipelas	0	0	

a) Prevention of Blindness - No action taken under section 66 of Public Health Act 1925.

b) Tuberculosis - No action taken under Public Health Prevention of Tuberculosis Regulations, 1925, or under section 62, Public Health Act 1925.

New Cases Tuberculosis - 0      Deaths from Tuberculosis - 0



REPORT of the SANITARY INSPECTOR 1937.Summary of Inspections and Visits

Investigation of complaints	6
Property under notice	19
Work in Progress	51
Premises in course of erection	29
Disinfecting and enquiries after infectious disease	3
Workshops and bakehouse	2
Slaughterhouses inspecting meat	68
Cowsheds	64
Butchers' shops	2
Smoke Observation of factory chimney	1
Council's refuse tip	3
Overcrowding survey	39
Interviews with owners	8
Miscellaneous premises	34
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Defects and Nuisances Found (affecting 22 premises)

Drain defective	1
Privy closets requiring conversion	3
Additional W.C. accommodation required	6
Lack of eaves spout	1
Dilapidated coalhouses	6
Dampness of house walls	1
Offensive accumulations	2
Nuisance from trade effluent	1
Emission of black smoke from factory chimney	1
Cowshed floor defective	1
Cowsheds not limewashed at appointed time	2
Dairy cows not kept groomed	2
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Of these defects 26 were remedied and also 6 defects outstanding from previous years.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Conversion of the privy midden system is proceeding very slowly. The Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act 1907, was not in force in the district so that conversion could be enforced only where the accommodation was in a defective condition. The new Public Health Act 1936, gives power to enforce conversion generally, provided the Local Authority contribute to the cost.

There are 148 houses where sewers are not available or are not suitable for the installation of the W.C. system. Nearly 40 per cent of the houses have the W.C. system installed but it will be noted that over 50 per cent are on this system where sewers are available.

Particulars of the accommodation in the area are contained in the following summary:-



	No. of <u>promisos.</u>	No. of <u>W.Cs.</u>	No. of <u>Privios.</u>
Dwelling-houses on W.C. system	177	171	
Do. Dual Do.	8	8	8
Do. Privy Do.	286	-	203
Factories and workshops	10	6	6
Day schools	2	12	4
Chapels, shops, clubs etc.	5	2	7
	488	199	228

#### PUBLIC CLEANSING.

This work is carried out by contract team labour and the Council's workmen. There are only a few cesspools in the district and there are no special arrangements for cleansing.

#### RAG FLOCK ACTS 1911 and 1928.

There are no premises in the district where rag flock is manufactured, used or sold.

#### MEAT INSPECTION.

This is carried out whenever possible at the time of slaughter. The Meat Regulations generally are observed.

#### SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT 1933.

There are three licensed slaughtermen on the register. No contraventions of the Act have been found.

By a resolution of the Council in 1933 in pursuance of section 2 of the Act, sheep were included as animals to which section 1 of the Act applies with respect to the use of a mechanically operated stunning instrument.

#### FOOD AND DRUGS (ADULTERATION) ACT 1928.

Administration is carried out by the County Council's Officers and the following particulars have been supplied respecting the samples taken for analysis:-

Milk 3, General 1. No prosecutions or cautions were necessary.

#### MILK SUPPLY.

The bulk of the supply is produced in the district. The promises generally have been kept in a satisfactory condition. A satisfactory water supply, principally from the public supply, is available in all cases.

Veterinary examination of the dairy cows has been carried out on three occasions by an Officer of the County Council.

Under the Tuberculosis Order, one cow found on routine inspection, to be affected with Tuberculosis of the Udder, was dealt with.

#### HOUSING ACT 1936. - OVERCROWDING PROVISIONS.

The date of operation was fixed in this area for January 1st 1937. The measuring of working class houses in order to ascertain the "permitted number" of persons is still proceeding as circumstances permit.

This information has to be supplied upon application by the landlords concerned so that the requirement of the Act, with respect to the insertion in the rent books of the "permitted number" can be complied with.



Further details relating to the Sanitary Administration of the district are contained in Tables 'C' and 'D'.

Your obedient servant,

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